

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 38 are currently pending in the application.

This amendment is in response to the final Office Action of November 4, 2004.

Information Disclosure Statement(s)

Applicant notes the filing of an Information Disclosure Statement herein on August 1, 2003 and note that while a copy of page 3 of the PTO-1449 was returned, pages 1 and 2 were not returned with the outstanding Office Action. Applicant respectfully requests that the information cited on pages 1 and 2 of the PTO-1449 (which is the same as that of record to that date in the parent application hereto) be made of record herein. For the sake of convenience, a second copy of the August 1, 2003, Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and USPTO date-stamped postcard are enclosed herewith. It is respectfully requested that an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 evidencing consideration of the cited references be returned to the undersigned attorney.

Double Patenting Rejection Based on U.S. Patent 6,607,001

Claims 1 through 38 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1 through 22 of U.S. Patent 6,607,001. In order to avoid further expenses and time delay, Applicant elects to expedite the prosecution of the present application by filing a terminal disclaimer to obviate the double patenting rejections in compliance with 37 CFR §1.321 (b) and (c). Applicant's filing of the terminal disclaimer should not be construed as acquiescence in the Examiner's double patenting or obviousness-type double patenting rejections. Attached are the terminal disclaimer and accompanying fee.

Applicant submits that claims 1 through 38 are clearly allowable.

Applicant request entry of this amendment for the following reasons:

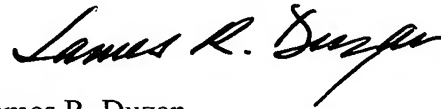
The amendment is timely filed.

The amendment places the application in condition for allowance.

The amendment does not require any further search or consideration.

Applicant requests the allowance of claims 1 through 38 and the case passed for issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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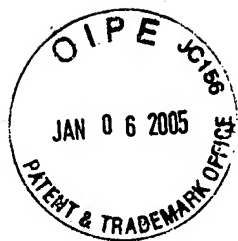
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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Serial No.: Not yet assigned

Filed: August 1, 2003

For: METHOD OF REDUCING WATER
SPOTTING AND OXIDE GROWTH ON A
SEMICONDUCTOR STRUCTURE

Examiner: Unknown

Group Art Unit: Unknown

Attorney Docket No.: 3375.9US
(95-0999.08/US)

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The present application is a continuation of application Serial No. 10/231,730, filed August 28, 2002, pending, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/427,789, filed October 27, 1999, pending, which is a divisional of application Serial No. 08/814,900, filed March 21, 1997, now U.S. Patent 6,350,322 issued February 26, 2002.

Attorney Docket No. 3375.9US (95-0999.08/US)

Pursuant to M.P.E.P. 2001.06(b), the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the information of record in the prior application, and to confirm in the first Office Action on the merits that such art has in fact been reviewed. A PTO-1449 form listing all of the information of record in the prior application is enclosed herewith.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed within three (3) months of the filing date of the above-identified application, and no certification pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) or a fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p) is required.

Respectfully submitted,



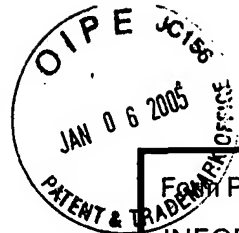
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	0,385,536	05/1990	EP				
	61-154130	07/1986	Japan				
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		Marra et al., Physical Principles of Marangoni Drying, Langmuir, Vol. 7, No. 11, pp. 2748-55.

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	5,520,744	05/1996	Fujikawa et al.			
	5,556,479	09/1996	Bran			
	5,653,045	08/1997	Ferrell			
	5,660,642	08/1997	Britten			
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	5,727,578	03/1998	Matthews			
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	5,845,660	12/1998	Shindo et al.			

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						YES	NO
	4-354128	12/1992	Japan				
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		Wong et al., "Post-Acid Rinse Enhancement Through Megasonic Quickdump Rinsing", February 1997, pps. 1-7.

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